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BIRTH.

At No. 8, Minghong Terrace, Shanghai, on the
31st July, 1894, MRS. LILLIE, the beloved wife of H.
JAMES FATHERSTON-NAUGHTON, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the
29th July, 1894, MRS. LILLIE, the beloved wife of H.
JAMES FATHERSTON-NAUGHTON, aged 56 years.At Shanghai, on the 30th July, 1894, EDWARD
DANIEL WOODFORD, aged 33 years.On the 3rd instant, at the "Land We Live
In" Hotel, THOMAS SILVERMAN, aged 55 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, August 8th.
The Naval manoeuvres of the British fleet,
reproducing all possibilities of warfare with
France, have ended in a complete victory to the
squadrons representing the French.

IRISH LEGISLATION.

The Right Hon. John Morley (Chief Secretary
for Ireland) stated in the House of Commons
that the rejection of the *Revived Tenants Bill*by the House of Lords would render it very
difficult to maintain peace in Ireland.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

The warlike feeling in Japan is intense.

CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

The steamer *Baltica*, arriving at Gravesend
from St. Petersburg, reported one death and
five cases of Asiatic cholera on board.

JABEZ CORNERED AT LAST.

The Argentine Republic has granted the extradi-
tion of Jabez Balfour.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, July 5th.

A sensational incident took place in Hyde
Park to-day. As the Prince and Princess of
Wales were driving in the park a man who was
carrying a parcel advanced and threw it into the
royal carriage. The Princess, fearing an
explosion, immediately turned dead, but
remained quiet. The Prince attempted to
reassure her, and stood in such a position as to
cover the Princess from harm. The parcel, which
contained the Prince of Wales on being thrown into
the carriage, burst, and was found to be filled
with flowers.As an act of clemency, M. Casimir-Perier, the
President of the Republic, has granted an
amnesty to 314 persons who were arrested in
connection with disturbances arising out of
recent strikes.M. Dupuy, the French Premier, has refused to
grant permission to the Communists to celebrate
the events of 1871. He declared that the country
was filled with horror and disgust by the
recollection of a recent terrible and tragic event.
The Chamber of Deputies, by a large majority,
passed a resolution confirming the action of the
Premier.A director of tramways at Pisa, in Italy, has
been murdered by anarchists. Three anarchists
at Empoli, near Florence, have been murdered
for having refused from their colleagues.
Canada demands that Great Britain should
abandon her claim to legislate in connection
with colonial property. Sir Charles Tupper,
High Commissioner for the Dominion, has
invited the Agents-General to co-operate in the
demand by Canada, but they have declined to
do so on the ground that they have not received
instructions from their respective Governments
as to how they should act in the matter.Further details have been received of the
steamer *Yokohama*, which was captured by the
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quantity of arms and ammunition.The *Yokohama*, which was captured by the
British, was found to be carrying a large
quantity of arms and ammunition.H.M.S. *Porpoise* left Shanghai for Chefoo under
special telegraphic instructions on the 29th
ultimo.The export of rice from the Yangtze ports has
been strictly prohibited by the Chinese Govern-
ment.HAIL-STONES the size of large grapes are reported
to have fallen in the vicinity of Farnham's Dock
at Shanghai last Friday.THE O. & S. S. Co's steamer *Gastie*, with
malls, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via
Yokohama, on the 7th inst.The stock of kerosene oil in Shanghai on the
3rd inst. amounted to 1,506,758 cases of
American and 350,999 cases of Russian.A TELEGRAM from Berlin to the Japanese
Foreign Office at Tokyo, dated the 23rd ultimo,
stated that Prince Bismarck was seriously ill.CAPT. 'JOCK' Hutchison, well known for many
years on the China coast as a skipper in the
Navigation Co's service, has joined the pilot
service at Amoy.THE China Merchants' steamer *Kwanglo*, bound
for this port and Canton, has been detained in
Shanghai in consequence of the reported presence
of Japanese warships in China waters.The Chinese steamer *Kiangtun* was transferred
to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and hoisted the
British flag on the 2nd inst., and will run
between Shanghai and Ningpo under her old
name, the *Mening*.INSPECTOR REED, of the Shanghai police, was
attacked by Asiatic cholera and removed to the
Shanghai General Hospital on the 26th ultimo.
Latest advices state that he is progressing
favourably towards recovery.THE Taoist of Shanghai has informed the
Foreign Consul that all vessels arriving at
Wusong in the night must remain there until
morning. His Excellency is anxious to prevent
the vessels of friendly nations being blown out
of the water by the Wusong forts.A SQUADRON of eight Russian warships, with
troops on board, left Vladivostok the other day
under sealed orders, their destination presumably
being Korea. The Russian Consul at Shanghai
is of opinion that the vessels simply left for their
usual summer cruise. *News current*.MESSRS. Stensen & Co. have sold the well-
known China coaster *Ningpo* to Japanese for
£25,000, and the steamer has left Shanghai
for Kobe where the transfer will be completed.
All the German officers and engineers will be
discharged and their places taken by Japanese.WHEN the British steamship *Angora*, chartered
by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, left Shanghai for
Japan on the 31st ultimo, an extra guard of police
were on the wharf "as a precautionary measure."
The *Angora's* passenger list included only forty
Japanese—four hundred as had been
currently reported.OUT of Practice: Tramp—Madam, will you
kindly assist me? I am a professional acrobat,
and the circus with which I travel will not go on
the road again until next summer. Mrs.
Suburban—Well, if you will try your hand at
splitting that wood I—Tramp—Excuse me, but
I am out of practice, and I must decline doing
the split act.ADVICES from the North state that it has been
arranged for some foreign men-of-war to cruise
in the Gulf of Pechili in order to render assis-
tance to any vessels that may be disabled in
encounters between the navies of China and
Japan. The French gunboat *Lion*, the German
gunboat *Wolf*, and the British cruiser *Porpoise*
have been ordered to do so.THE Taoist of Shanghai has officially requested
the *dayen* of the Consular Body to inform the
Japanese Consul that the Japanese Government
having promised to protect all law-abiding
Chinese and their property in Japan, he will
protect the Japanese in the Foreign Settlements
of Shanghai. He further expresses the hope
that the Japanese will endeavour to avoid
causing any disturbance.THE *Strait Times* of the 30th ulto. says that
"the Chinese steamer who was landed from the
Pakhan at St. John's Island on the 16th of
June, suffering from bubonic plague, has not yet
recovered. From the time of his enforced
retirement, the medical authorities have reported
that the sufferer has been progressing favourably,
and to-day he is still progressing towards
recovery. Hopes are entertained of his ultimate
recovery."THE *N. C. Daily News* says "there was no
exaggeration in the telegraphed account of the
outrage on the British consular-general, Mr.
Gardner, Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. Fox at Seoul.
On the same day the Commissioner of Customs at
Chemulpo, Mr. Osborne, was brutally attacked.
He had sent his Korean coolies to draw water,
and the coolie returned, telling his master that
he had been prevented by a Japanese soldier.
The coolie went himself with the coolie to see
what was the matter, when he and his coolie
were thrown down, insulted, and the coolie's
hand cut by the bayonet of one of the Japanese
soldiers."A PARABLE for the talkative Chief Justice
Madden, and says *Sydney Bulletin*, the facts are
true as stated. There was a Maori land Judge who
delighted to lecture a condemned prisoner for an
hour after the verdict, but one day, just as he
started his lecture, a voice from the dock said,
"Look here, Judge, some of your (vermillion) law
the worst (pink) penalty law provides is hang-
ing, I'm booked for that, and you've got no
(red ochre) right to clap one of your (crimson)
sermons on top of it. It's (numerous adjectives)
cruelty to animals, that's what it is (bless) you!"
That Judge never created again. Also, there was
another Maori land Judge famed for terseness.
His method was this: "Prisoners, you've found
guilty of murder. You'll be hanged by the neck
till you're dead. Next case, please!"EARLY this morning, says the *Shanghai
Mercury* of the 1st inst., information was
received that there had been a severe fight at
Yassan, between the Chinese and Japanese
troops, and that the latter had been completely
defeated. The Chinese saying that they had
defeated the whole army, and the Japanese
version being that the van guard only had been
overpowered by the Chinese and cut to pieces.This is borne out by the additional information
that all Japanese troops had been sent from
Seoul to re-inforce the army in the field. Further
information was received this afternoon that
Major von Heenecken, the Foreign military
adviser to the Viceroy Li, who was passenger
on the ill-fated *Kwanglo*, and who was
killed by the Japanese, had been killed.He was picked up by a fishing-junk some
distance from the scene of the catastrophe,
and appears to have owed his life to his ability as
a strong swimmer. This news gives hope of
others having fared as well, and secured
rescue, and a full account of the catastrophe
of that day, which before seemed impossible.THE German steamer *Chowchow*, on a recent
voyage to Korea, was prevented by the Japanese
warships from landing her passengers.A *Government Gazette Extraordinary* was
issued this afternoon extending the operation of
the *Black Box* regulation of the 10th May for a
period of one month.A CHINESE paper, the *Sin Wan-pao*, states
authoritatively that the fleet of the China Mer-
chants' S. N. Co. has been transferred to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank by an absolute
sale.A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge No.
1165, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall,
Zetland Street, on Thursday, the 16th instant, at
8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are
cordially invited.THE *Star Observer* understands that Dr.
Nightingale has been formally appointed
medical attendant at the British Legation in
Bangkok. The post is worth \$3,000 a year at
the present rate of exchange.YESTERDAY afternoon Mr. H. E. Allen of Messrs.
A. S. Watson & Co., and Mr. H. E. Allen of Messrs.
Uhlmann & Co., were removed from the
hospital ship *Hygiea* to the Civil Hospital in a
convalescent state. There are now no plague
patients on board the *Hygiea*.DR. YERGIN, the eminent French bacteriologist
who has been investigating the plague bacillus
here for the past eight weeks, has returned to
Saigon whence he will forward to his Govern-
ment an elaborate report on the results of his
investigations in Hongkong.In the first engagement at Asan on the 27th and
28th ulto, it is stated that the Japanese numbered
over three thousand and the Chinese sixteen
hundred. The Chinese behaved with great
gallantry and utterly routed their enemies, but
had to deplore the loss of their veteran com-
mander-in-chief, the gallant General Yeh Chih-
chao, who was killed while leading his troops to
victory.MR. HO AMEL, who distinguished himself during
the Franco-China war by raising a patriotic War
Fund, amounting to close upon \$40,000, among
his friends in this colony and the neighbouring
city of Canton, has again come prominently
to the front in the present crisis and has published
an appeal to his countrymen in the local vernacu-
lar press in which he urges his compatriots
to subscribe liberally towards his and other
Patriotic War Funds with a view to aiding their
Government to "effect the prompt and complete
destruction of a common enemy."It is rumoured in well-informed Chinese circles
that the Chinese Government have wired
instructions to their representatives in London
and Berlin to act in concert in the purchase of
as many full-powered steel transports, gunboats,
and cruisers as European shipbuilders will sign
articles to deliver to them on or before the 31st
December. If this is true—and we have no
reason to doubt the accuracy of the report—
there can be but little doubt that China is going
to fight it out with the Japanese to the bitter end.
Well and good so far, but the pity is that the
"powers that be" around the Dragon Throne
have for years past persistently ignored the
advice of disinterested friends who forewarned
them because they hoped China would in due
time be forewarned.THE Taku Tug and Lighter Company, says the
Tientsin correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*,
under date July 28th, have done yeoman's
service in coaling and embarkation work during
the last month, and have conveyed their tow
boat *Pekho* to the Chinese Government on a
very favourable charter: on *ditto* she will be
used as a despatch vessel. The *Kailip* and
Linhai are putting on 2,000 tons. The
railway service has, however, been sadly
interfered with by another tornado of rain. On
Thursday last week, 13 inches of rain fell in 12
hours—this is a record for this part of China,
and means that more than 1,300 tons of water
fell on every acre: naturally enough the loose
earthworks were washed out again, but by the
indefatigable efforts of the engineers the coal is
being got down and irregular passenger traffic
maintained.SAYS the *N. C. Daily News*—The Chinese
Telegraph authorities in Tientsin and elsewhere
have established a strict censorship in the
transmission of political and military news during
the present crisis. This prudence is altogether
commendable, though we and our readers are the
losers by it. We should be glad to know that similar
censorship had been shown all round in checking
the actions of the Japanese Intelligence Depart-
ment. While the troops were being embarked
at Tientsin a fortnight ago, an active and intelli-
gent Japanese gentleman was scoping the part
of the "chiel among ye takin' notes" nobody
interfered or thought it his business to attend
to such an insignificant proceeding. It would
be extremely interesting to know the connection
between this petty incident and the destruction
of the *Kowshing*. Our Celestial neighbours
seem to have only half learned the lesson that
attention to infinitely small matters is an absolute
essential to success in modern warfare.THE China Merchants' steamers *Hsinlung*,
Haasan and *Fungshing* returned to Shanghai from
Korea on the 28th ulto. These vessels left Taku
for the Yellow River in Chinese territory, and
reached their destination the next day. The
vessels were not all full of soldiers, because
though enough could not be got; and many of those
taken were not soldiers, according to the *N. C.
Daily News* correspondent. They behaved
themselves very well on board. It was stated
that 50,000 men are to be landed at the Yalu
River, and it was understood that the steamers
were to embark more troops from Central China.
It is estimated that the overland journey from
the present encampment of the Chinese to where
the Japanese are will take a long time. The
steamers left the Yalu River on July 23rd and
made straight for Shanghai, but saw no vessels,
either transports or men-of-war, on the way
down.TRUE the *N. C. Daily News* of July 31st—
"The question has been set at rest with refer-
ence to the safety of the *Toosan* and *Melfoo*.
The former was at Tatungko, Yalu River, on
Friday at noon, and the *Melfoo* at Taku. The
report that the former had been disabled arose
through the statement given from one of
the steamers that a vessel like the *Toosan* was
seen to sink during the brush with Japanese
men-of-war off Shihpai. Owing to the vigilance
of the Japanese, the *Chowchow* could
not land her troops on the Korean coast, and
made her way back to Chefoo. The *Poochi*,
which left Taku on Sunday week for the Yalu
River, having had a collision with the *Fungshing*
in the Peking got her boilers full of mud with
grounding, as a result of the collision, and
was disabled in the Gulf of Pechili. She man-
aged to steam at 4-knot speed to Port Arthur
where she cleaned her boilers out and then pro-
ceeded to her destination where she arrived on
Wednesday. She discharged her soldiers and
left on Friday at noon, arriving here yesterday
morning. She left in port the *Kangshing* and
another boat, and they may be
expected here at any moment."THE *China Gazette* understands that the sale
of the Chinese steamers *Cass* and *Smith* to a
British firm has been arranged and will be
completed as soon as the vessels return to
Shanghai.TEACHER—Why was Solomon the wisest man
in the world? Boy—He had so many wives to
advise him. Teacher (a strong-minded female)
—Well, that is not the answer in the book, but
you may go up to the head of the class.THE Commissioner of Customs at Ningpo has
received notice from the authorities in charge
of the defence of Ningpo, that torpedoes have been
laid at the entrance of the river at Chih-hai.
Vessels are therefore warned not to attempt to
enter the river without a torpedo pilot, and not to
anchor inside Tiler Island. Warning is further
given that it is dangerous for vessels to approach
Chih-hai forts at night.ONE of the easiest and most trustworthy modes
of determining whether a supposed diamond is
genuine or false is as follows: Pierce a hole in
a card with a needle or pin, and then look at
it, using the stone as a lens. If the supposed
diamond is genuine you will see but one hole;
if false, two will appear. With an imitation
stone you may also see the lines on the skin
of your finger; with the true gem you cannot.ANOTHER had outlook for Penang, says the
Strait Independent, is that in case communi-
cations are interrupted between this and the
Land of the Rising Sun, which is within the
limits of possibility, our stock of *yen*, which
represent the greater part of our currency, may
become exhausted, and we shall have to pay
a fancy price for Mexicans to replace them.
This would, certainly, cause a notable rise in
exchange, but would not improve matters, as
the intrinsic value of these coins would not be
raised thereby. This is another argument in
favour of the adoption of a British dollar, what-
ever its composition or standard.LIKE a good many other items of war news
recently published in the *Daily News* the state-
ment in this morning's issue of that awful rag
to the effect that the Chinese steamer *Cass*, Capt.
Jessen, which arrived here yesterday from
Whampoa with a full cargo of munitions of war
destined for Formosa, "had been detained
pending consideration of the question whether
warlike stores can be allowed to leave the
harbour for China or Japan under existing
circumstances" turns out to be pure, unadulterated
hoax. The *Cass* "cleared" the Harbour
Office yesterday and left for Tamsui in due
course, without let or hindrance, as she had a
perfect right to do.A WRITER on obesity says: "The safest way
to reduce obesity is to begin by eating and drinking
less and to take as much exercise as possible,
increasing it gradually day by day. Butter, fat,
oil, sausages, ham, bacon, peas, vermicelli, rice,
tapioca, macaroni, all fattening. Bread should be
eaten in moderation, and either stale or toasted.
All sweets are forbidden. Plainly roasted or boiled
meats taken in moderation with plain boiled green
vegetables may be eaten, also fruit, apples and
oranges especially. Gooseberries and currants
are good when in season, and for drink, lemonade
unsweetened, weak tea and black coffee. House-
work is especially recommended, such as
dusting, sweeping, moving the furniture about,
and kneading bread. Gladstone feels trees.
Sawing wood is excellent. Walking comes next.
Cold baths are valuable."WITH reference to the sinking of the Indo-China
Co.'s steamer *Kowshing*, "Briton" writes to the
Shanghai morning paper:—"It may not be
generally known that on the day before the
Kowshing sailed on her fatal mission Viceroy
Li Hung-chang had an interview with Capt.
Galsworthy, stating to him the great risk he was
running in carrying the troops his ship was then
being filled with. Capt. Galsworthy thereupon
wrote to Jardine, Matheson & Co., informing
them of the result of that interview, and the
letter is, I learn, in the hands of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co. now. They will, undoubtedly,
have to tell the families of those lost in
their ship during such a dangerous crisis as the
present between China and Japan. The old
East India Company always, in fact, made it a
point of honour to provide liberally for the
families of those maimed or killed in their
service, and it is to be hoped the owners of the
Kowshing will follow suit."THE Nanking correspondent of the *Shanghai
Mercury* writes under date July 31st:—"The
exaggerated reports of the war, and the multiple
rumours of serious reverses sustained by the
Chinese in their encounters with the Japanese,
seems to have fanned the flame of war-fever at
the river ports. This afternoon news reaches us
of a serious riot at Wuhu. The Chinese attacked
the Japanese in their shops and looted their pre-
mises, threatening to murder them, vowing
vengeance on them for the lives of their fellow-
countrymen. It is not known whether the news
of the sinking of the *Kowshing* reached them
before the riot. It is significant that the Chinese
native officials refused to render any assistance
had it not been for timely and humane assistance
rendered by the Custom House officers, several
Japanese would have been killed. Seven of these
unfortunate people have been sent to
Shanghai, and will arrive there on the 3rd, under
escort. It was with much difficulty the Chinese
on board the steamer could be kept from taking
their lives! We may expect further difficulties
in this line from Hankow." A correspondent
from up-river informs us that the Japanese are
in no enviable condition at Hankow and other
places, and he fears that the native officials will
not protect them.AN "Eye-witness" sends to the *Shanghai
Mercury* the following account of the first naval
engagement between the Japanese and Chinese
war ships, dated Chefoo, 30th July:—"The
Tsuyuen left Asan (Yashan) Bay at daylight on
the 29th instant, accompanied by the *Kwangyung*
and *Wihyuan*. After four hours' steaming, three
Japanese men-of-war have in sight, one of
which was the flagship. They approached us
and suddenly opened a murderous fire, especially
directed towards the *Tsuyuen*, which was
answered at once by the Chinese. After fighting
for about four hours, two of the Japanese men-
of-war discontinued firing, but the Japanese
flagship kept it up. At 10 o'clock, the two,
left back, and left off firing, apparently to
clear her decks of wreckage, &c. The *Tsuyuen*
was also glad of the opportunity to do so.
The *Tsuyuen* had three killed and
nineteen wounded. As the Japanese flagship
did not continue firing, the *Tsuyuen* shaped her
course for Wei-hai-wei, and did not see anything
of the other two Chinese men-of-war. The
Japanese, seeing the *Tsuyuen* about to depart,
gained fresh courage, and commenced to pursue,
and as she (the Japanese flagship) is said to
steam 13 knots, the moon approached the *Tsuyuen*
within 2,000 yards, and endeavoured to get at her
broad-side but could not, as the *Tsuyuen* showed
her stern each time, and fired with her stern
guns. None of the Japanese shots hit, but three
shots from the *Tsuyuen* hit the Japanese flag-
ship. The Japanese then gave up the fight, and
steered away. The *Tsuyuen* is badly damaged
above the water line, and is going to dock at
Port Arthur. The *Kwangyung* is supposed to
have been sunk or captured, but the other one
has turned up at Wei-hai-wei. I hear all the
Chinese fleet have taken refuge at Wei-hai-wei."A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618,
S.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland
Street, on Monday, the 13th instant, at 8.30 for
9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially
invited.We regret to learn from Holbow by the Danah
steamer *Asa*, which arrived here this morning,
of the death at that port, from an attack of fever,
of Mr. W. B. Fitz-Gibbon, the acting British
consul. Mr. Fitz-Gibbon, who was one of the
best known and most popular officers in the
Consular Service in China, was a native of
county Limerick, and as true an Irishman as
ever left the "old country." Educated at
Kingstown School, near Dublin, "Fitz" dis-
tinguished himself greatly for his mathematical
proficiency, but just failed later on to
qualify for the Indian Civil Service, although he
passed the Consular Service examination with
great ease. During his term as a student at
Feking—where, if I mistake not, he was
associated with Mr. F. H. May, our Captain
Superintendent of Police—he got a sound founda-
tion in Chinese, and by study and hard work at
the various consulates in which he was engaged
he acquired a thorough business acquaintance
with the language. Mr. Fitz-Gibbon was
specially selected by Mr. O'Connor, the British
Minister at Peking, for the important post of
acting consul at Holbow, his Excellency doubtless
remembering the conspicuous ability displayed
by the bright Irish student in the

